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How the California Water Board is Making Water Rights Information Easy to Find:

The State Water Resources Control Board has a new Web-based electronic water rights information management system called EWRIMS. This Web-based program, a module of the Water Boards' CIWQS program, provides the public and staff with easy to use internet access to California's water rights information.

A water right is a legal entitlement authorizing water to be diverted from a water source for drinking, farming, and other beneficial uses.

What the New Web-based System Does:

EWRIMS' search engine can be used to find details about water rights.

Search water rights by:

- status
- kind of water right
- who owns the water
- application, permit or license number
- which watershed or county the water right is in
- source of the water, or the stream name

Details are easy to download to an EXCEL spreadsheet.

How Water Rights Can Be Seen On Maps:

EWRIMS has a Web-based Geographic Information System that displays real-time data.

For example,

- provides a printable graphic display of Points of Diversion (PODs) by the "map it" function
- moves between the data application and mapping functions for easy searches
- uses mapping for upstream and downstream POD searches and displays
- displays fully-appropriated streams to determine if water is available

How this system helps staff streamline business processes:

- tracks workflow and our end product
- determines and tracks fee billing
- combines formerly separate databases to one
- accesses complaint information quickly



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